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Ian,

With regret I am giving up on the creation of an article on R.A.N. airborne radar.

I have had very little success in researching relevant information about all of the choppers. A few people, those involved in the early stages of winged aircraft have been of great assistance, but most of the more recent participants have shown little interest. As an example, John Crawley, Commander R.A.N. retired, represented me to several officers responsible for most of the chopper types, and not one of these men has made any attempt to respond to him or to contact me.

In the event that you think you can recover this situation, I am including with this letter a copy of the draft (unfinished) which I intended, and the research material. There is an interesting anecdote in one of Phil Thompson's emails (Aug 12 2007 3.33 pm) concerning John Da Costa.

My next birthday cake will have 80 candles. This combined with the 6 months of poor health last year (now under control with regular medication), has taken the fire out of me, hence this decision.

Kind regards,

George